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**From:** Washburn, Ben  
**Sent:** Wed 12/28/2016 5:20:55 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Alleged Conflict of Interest Statement

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**From:** Dawn Chapman

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**Date:** December 28, 2016 at 11:18:51 AM CST

**To:** "Washburn, Ben" <washburn.ben@epa.gov>, "Bond, Patrick (McCaskill)" <Patrick\_Bond@mccaskill.senate.gov>, "Hoskins, Jennifer (Blunt)" <jennifer\_hoskins@blunt.senate.gov>, "Fears, Jordan" <Jordan.Fears@mail.house.gov>, "Rust, Erik" <Erik.Rust@mail.house.gov>, "Hague, Mark" <Hague.Mark@epa.gov>, "Carey, Curtis" <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Alleged Conflict of Interest Statement

Dr. Carey,  
Please send me EPA's protocol for conflict of interest.  
Thank you,  
Dawn Chapman

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On Dec 28, 2016 10:36 AM, "Washburn, Ben" <washburn.ben@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Dawn,

I know there has been some concern regarding alleged conflict of interest with TetraTech assisting EPA on the radiation screening in Spanish Village. I wanted to share our statement with you on the topic:

*Regarding whether there is a potential conflict of interest, EPA followed its process and exercised due diligence in advance to make a determination that our contractor performing work for the Bridgeton Dust Site Pre-CERCLIS Screening does not have a conflict of interest that would impair its ability to support EPA's sampling effort in Spanish Village. Moreover, EPA experts are performing the work with support from the contractor.*

*EPA collaborated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in developing this focused sampling plan.*

*The agency is conducting an important investigation in the neighborhood and as a public health agency we take the concerns of the community seriously.*

I hope this clears up any concerns you have. Thanks and hope you have a good day!

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